



Dunford-Pettis type properties in L_1 of a vector measure

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Abstract

Let ν be a countably additive vector measure defined on a σ -algebra and taking values in a Banach space. In this paper we deal with the following three properties for the Banach lattice $L_1(\nu)$ of all ν -integrable real-valued functions: the Dunford-Pettis property, the positive Schur property and being lattice-isomorphic to an AL-space. We give new results and we also provide alternative proofs of some already known ones.

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1 Introduction

Let X be a Banach space with (topological) dual X^* , let (Ω, Σ) be a measurable space and let $\nu : \Sigma \rightarrow X$ be a (countably additive) vector measure. A Σ -measurable function $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called ν -integrable if it is $|x^*\nu|$ -integrable for all $x^* \in X^*$ and, for each $A \in \Sigma$, there is $\int_A f d\nu \in X$ such that

$$x^* \left(\int_A f d\nu \right) = \int_A f d(x^*\nu) \quad \text{for all } x^* \in X^*.$$

Here $x^*\nu$ is the signed measure obtained as the composition of ν with x^* and $|x^*\nu|$ denotes its variation. By identifying functions which coincide except to a ν -null set (where $A \in \Sigma$ is said to be ν -null if $\nu(B) = 0$ for every $B \in \Sigma$ with $B \subseteq A$), the set $L_1(\nu)$ of all (equivalence classes of) ν -integrable functions is a Banach lattice with the ν -a.e. order and the norm

$$\|f\|_{L_1(\nu)} := \sup_{x^* \in B_{X^*}} \int_{\Omega} |f| d|x^*\nu|.$$

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Here B_{X^*} denotes the closed unit ball of X^* . Let us agree to say that $L_1(\nu)$ is the L_1 space of the vector measure ν .

Every Banach lattice with order continuous norm and a weak unit is lattice-isometric to the L_1 space of a vector measure, [11, Theorem 8] (cf. [19, Proposition 2.4]). Such a representation is not unique. For instance, the usual space $L_1[0, 1]$ is equal to $L_1(\nu_i)$ for each one of the following X_i -valued vector measures ν_i defined on the Borel σ -algebra of $[0, 1]$:

- $X_1 := \mathbb{R}$ and $\nu_1(A) := \lambda(A)$ (the Lebesgue measure of A);
- $X_2 := L_1[0, 1]$ and $\nu_2(A) := \chi_A$ (the characteristic function of A);
- $X_3 := c_0$ and $\nu_3(A) := (\int_A r_n d\lambda)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, where $(r_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is the sequence of Rademacher functions.

The structure of the space $L_1(\nu)$ can be greatly conditioned by certain properties of ν . For complete information on these spaces and their important role in Banach lattices and operator theory, we refer the reader to the monograph [33] and the papers [6, 14, 15, 28, 34, 36, 38].

The inclusion map

$$\iota_\nu : L_1(|\nu|) \rightarrow L_1(\nu)$$

is a well-defined injective lattice-homomorphism, where $|\nu|$ is the variation of ν (see, e.g., [33, Lemma 3.14]). If ι_ν is surjective, then it is a lattice-isomorphism and, moreover, we have $|\nu|(\Omega) < \infty$. Curbera [12] addressed the question of when the L_1 space of a vector measure is lattice-isomorphic to an AL-space. Recall that a Banach lattice E is said to be an *AL-space* if its norm satisfies $\|x + y\| = \|x\| + \|y\|$ whenever $x, y \in E$ are disjoint, which is equivalent to saying that E is lattice-isometric to the usual space $L_1(\mu)$ of a non-negative measure μ (see, e.g., [3, Theorem 4.27]). It turns out that $L_1(\nu)$ is lattice-isomorphic to an AL-space if and only if ι_ν is surjective, [12, Proposition 2]. This is also equivalent to the fact that the *integration operator* of ν , that is, the norm 1 operator

$$I_\nu : L_1(\nu) \rightarrow X, \quad I_\nu(f) := \int_\Omega f d\nu \quad \text{for all } f \in L_1(\nu),$$

is *cone absolutely summing* (i.e., the series $\sum_{n=1}^\infty I_\nu(f_n)$ is absolutely convergent whenever $\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} f_n$ is unconditionally convergent and $f_n \in L_1(\nu)^+$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$), [10, Proposition 3.1]. As usual, given a Banach lattice E , we denote by E^+ its positive cone, that is, $E^+ := \{x \in E : x \geq 0\}$. At this point we should stress that if a Banach lattice is isomorphic (just as a Banach space) to an AL-space, then it is lattice-isomorphic to an AL-space [1] (cf. [16, Proposition 2.1]).

An operator between Banach spaces is said to be *Dunford-Pettis* (or *completely continuous*) if it maps weakly null sequences to norm null ones. The space $L_1(\mu)$ of a non-negative measure μ has the *Dunford-Pettis property*, that is, every weakly compact operator from $L_1(\mu)$ to an arbitrary Banach space is Dunford-Pettis (see, e.g., [2, Theorem 5.4.5] or [3, Theorem 5.85]). In general, this is not true for the L_1 space of a vector measure. Indeed, reflexive infinite-dimensional Banach spaces fail the Dunford-Pettis property and, as we have already mentioned, spaces like ℓ_p and $L_p[0, 1]$ for $1 < p < \infty$ can be seen as L_1 spaces of a vector measure. On the other side, there are L_1 spaces of a vector measure having the Dunford-Pettis property which are not lattice-isomorphic to an AL-space, like c_0 . Curbera showed in [13, Theorem 4] that $L_1(\nu)$ has the Dunford-Pettis property if ν has σ -finite variation and X has the Schur property (i.e., every weakly null sequence in X is norm null). In fact, he proved that:

- (i) $L_1(\nu)$ has the positive Schur property whenever X has the Schur property.

(ii) If $L_1(\nu)$ has the positive Schur property and ν has σ -finite variation, then $L_1(\nu)$ has the Dunford-Pettis property (cf. [6, Section 3.2]).

Recall that a Banach lattice E is said to have the *positive Schur property* if every weakly null sequence in E^+ is norm null. Note that statement (i) can be deduced at once from the fact that $L_1(\nu)$ has the positive Schur property if and only if the integration operator I_ν is *almost Dunford-Pettis* (i.e., $(I_\nu(f_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is norm null for every weakly null sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $L_1(\nu)^+$), see [6, Theorem 5.12].

The integration operator is undoubtedly a key point in the theory of L_1 spaces of a vector measure. Note that its properties depend on ν rather than on the space $L_1(\nu)$ itself. For instance, going back to the example at the beginning, we have:

- I_{ν_1} is the functional given by $I_{\nu_1}(f) = \int_{[0,1]} f \, d\lambda$;
- I_{ν_2} is the identity operator on $L_1[0, 1]$;
- $I_{\nu_3} : L_1[0, 1] \rightarrow c_0$ is the operator given by $I_{\nu_3}(f) = (\int_{[0,1]} r_n f \, d\lambda)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, which is strictly singular but fails to be weakly compact.

It is known that $L_1(\nu)$ is lattice-isomorphic to an AL-space whenever I_ν is compact (see [30, Theorem 1], cf. [32, Theorem 2.2] and [7, Theorem 3.3]), absolutely p -summing for $1 \leq p < \infty$ (see [31, Theorem 2.2]) or, more generally, Dunford-Pettis and Asplund (see [35, Theorem 3.3]). Recall that an operator between Banach spaces is said to be *Asplund* if it factors through a Banach space which is Asplund (i.e., all of its separable subspaces have separable dual). In particular, $L_1(\nu)$ is lattice-isomorphic to an AL-space if I_ν is Dunford-Pettis and X is Asplund, [7, Theorem 1.3]. This is a partial answer to the following question posed by Okada, Ricker and Rodríguez-Piazza [31]:

Question 1.1 *Suppose that I_ν is Dunford-Pettis and that X contains no subspace isomorphic to ℓ_1 . Is $L_1(\nu)$ lattice-isomorphic to an AL-space?*

They showed that this is the case if, in addition, X has an unconditional Schauder basis, [31, Theorem 1.2]. Note that any Banach space with an unconditional Schauder basis and no subspace isomorphic to ℓ_1 has separable dual (see, e.g., [2, Theorem 3.3.1]). To the best of our knowledge, Question 1.1 remains open.

In this paper we deal with L_1 spaces of a vector measure with focus on the property of being isomorphic to an AL-space, the positive Schur property and the Dunford-Pettis property. Our aim is twofold: we include new results and we also present alternative proofs of some already known ones which hopefully might led to a better understanding of the theory. The structure of the paper is as follows.

In Sect. 2 we collect some known preliminary facts on L_1 spaces of a vector measure that will be needed later.

In Sect. 3 we revisit the aforementioned positive answer to Question 1.1 for Asplund spaces (Corollary 3.8) and the related result for integration operators which are Dunford-Pettis and Asplund (Corollary 3.11).

In Sect. 4 we show that the positive Schur property of $L_1(\nu)$ can be characterized by means of a Dunford-Pettis type property with respect to the so-called “vector duality” induced by the integration operator, that is, the continuous bilinear map

$$L_1(\nu) \times L_\infty(\nu) \rightarrow X, \quad (f, g) \mapsto I_\nu(fg) = \int_\Omega fg \, d\nu$$

(Theorem 4.3). We also give another proof of the aforementioned result of [13] stating that $L_1(\nu)$ has the Dunford-Pettis property if it has the positive Schur property and ν has σ -finite

variation (Corollary 4.5). It seems to be an open question whether the assumption on the variation can be dropped, namely:

Question 1.2 *Suppose that $L_1(\nu)$ has the positive Schur property. Does $L_1(\nu)$ have the Dunford-Pettis property?*

Finally, in Example 4.6 we discuss a class of vector measures ν such that $L_1(\nu)$ has the positive Schur property and the Dunford-Pettis property, but fails to be lattice-isomorphic to an AL-space, among other interesting properties.

2 Preliminaries

All Banach spaces considered in this paper are real. An *operator* is a continuous linear map between Banach spaces. Given an operator T , its adjoint is denoted by T^* . By a *subspace* of a Banach space we mean a norm closed linear subspace. Let Z be a Banach space. The norm of Z is denoted by $\|\cdot\|_Z$, or simply $\|\cdot\|$, and we write $B_Z := \{z \in Z : \|z\| \leq 1\}$ (the closed unit ball of Z). The evaluation of $z^* \in Z^*$ at $z \in Z$ is denoted by either $z^*(z)$ or $\langle z^*, z \rangle$. By a *projection* from Z onto a subspace $Y \subseteq Z$ we mean an operator $P : Z \rightarrow Z$ such that $P(Z) = Y$ and P is the identity when restricted to Y . The subspace of Z generated by a set $H \subseteq Z$ is denoted by $\overline{\text{span}}(H)$.

In this section we gather, for the reader’s convenience, some known facts on L_1 spaces of a vector measure. A basic reference on this topic is [33, Chapter 3].

Throughout this section X is a Banach space, (Ω, Σ) is a measurable space and $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$. As usual, we denote by $\text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$ the set of all countably additive X -valued vector measures defined on Σ . The *range* of ν is the set

$$\mathcal{R}(\nu) := \{\nu(A) : A \in \Sigma\} \subseteq X.$$

The variation and semivariation of ν are denoted by $|\nu|$ and $\|\nu\|$, respectively. The family of all ν -null sets is denoted by $\mathcal{N}(\nu)$. By a *Rybakov control measure* of ν we mean a finite non-negative measure of the form $\mu = |x^*\nu|$ for some $x^* \in X^*$ such that $\mathcal{N}(\mu) = \mathcal{N}(\nu)$ (see, e.g., [18, p. 268, Theorem 2]). Throughout this section μ is a fixed Rybakov control measure of ν .

2.1 L_∞ of a vector measure

A function $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called Σ -*simple* if it is a linear combination of functions of the form χ_A , where $A \in \Sigma$. Clearly, all Σ -simple functions are ν -integrable. The set of all Σ -simple functions is norm dense in $L_1(\nu)$ (see, e.g., [33, Theorem 3.7(ii)]), so one has

$$\overline{L_1(\nu)} = \overline{\text{span}}(\mathcal{R}(\nu)). \tag{2.1}$$

More generally, every ν -essentially bounded Σ -measurable function $f : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is ν -integrable. By identifying functions which coincide ν -a.e., the set $L_\infty(\nu)$ of all (equivalence classes of) ν -essentially bounded Σ -measurable functions is a Banach lattice with the ν -a.e. order and the ν -essential supremum norm $\|\cdot\|_{L_\infty(\nu)}$. Of course, $L_\infty(\nu)$ is equal to the usual spaces $L_\infty(|\nu|)$ and $L_\infty(\mu)$. The inclusion map

$$j_\nu : L_\infty(\nu) \rightarrow L_1(\nu)$$

is an injective operator. Moreover, it is weakly compact. Indeed, $j_\nu(B_{L_\infty(\nu)})$ coincides with the order interval $[-\chi_\Omega, \chi_\Omega]$ in $L_1(\nu)$, so it is weakly compact as $L_1(\nu)$ has order continuous norm (see, e.g., [3, Theorem 4.9]). Hence, $I_\nu(j_\nu(B_{L_\infty(\nu)}))$ is weakly compact in X . We have the following characterization of relative norm compactness of $\mathcal{R}(\nu)$ (see, e.g., [33, Proposition 2.41]):

Proposition 2.1 *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) $\mathcal{R}(\nu)$ is relatively norm compact.
- (ii) $I_\nu(j_\nu(B_{L_\infty(\nu)}))$ is norm compact.

2.2 Composition of a vector measure with an operator

We will use several times the following fact (see, e.g., [33, Lemma 3.27]):

Proposition 2.2 *Let $T : X \rightarrow Y$ be an operator between Banach spaces. Then:*

- (i) *The composition $\tilde{\nu} := T \circ \nu : \Sigma \rightarrow Y$ is a countably additive vector measure.*
- (ii) *Every ν -integrable function is $\tilde{\nu}$ -integrable.*
- (iii) *The inclusion map $u : L_1(\nu) \rightarrow L_1(\tilde{\nu})$ is an operator and $I_{\tilde{\nu}} \circ u = T \circ I_\nu$.*

2.3 L-weakly compact sets and the positive Schur property

Let E be a Banach lattice. Given a set $W \subseteq E$, we denote by $\text{Sol}(W)$ its *solid hull*, that is, the set of all $x \in E$ such that $|x| \leq |y|$ for some $y \in W$. It is known that if W is relatively weakly compact, then every disjoint sequence in $\text{Sol}(W)$ is weakly null (see, e.g., [3, Theorem 4.34]). The set W is said to be *L-weakly compact* if it is bounded and every disjoint sequence in $\text{Sol}(W)$ is norm null. Every L-weakly compact set is relatively weakly compact (see, e.g., [3, Theorem 5.55]), but the converse does not hold in general. The following result is well-known (see [26, Corollaries 2.3.5 and 3.6.8], [39, Theorem 1.16] and [41, Lemma 3]):

Proposition 2.3 *Let E be a Banach lattice. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) *E has the positive Schur property.*
- (ii) *Every disjoint weakly null sequence in E is norm null.*
- (iii) *Every disjoint weakly null sequence in E^+ is norm null.*
- (iv) *Every relatively weakly compact subset of E is L-weakly compact.*

Proposition 2.4 below characterizes L-weakly compact sets in the L_1 space of a vector measure. We first need to introduce some terminology. Given $f \in L_1(\nu)$, the map $\nu_f : \Sigma \rightarrow X$ defined by

$$\nu_f(A) := I_\nu(f\chi_A) = \int_A f d\nu \quad \text{for all } A \in \Sigma$$

is a countably additive vector measure by the Orlicz-Pettis theorem (see, e.g., [18, p. 22, Corollary 4]). Note that $\|\nu_f\|(A) = \|f\chi_A\|_{L_1(\nu)}$ for all $A \in \Sigma$. Moreover, ν_f is μ -continuous, that is, for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $\delta > 0$ such that $\|\nu_f(A)\| \leq \varepsilon$ for every $A \in \Sigma$ with $\mu(A) \leq \delta$ (see, e.g., [18, p. 10, Theorem 1]). A set $F \subseteq L_1(\nu)$ is said to be *equi-integrable* if the set $\{\nu_f : f \in F\}$ is *uniformly μ -continuous*, that is, for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{f \in F} \|\nu_f(A)\| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for every } A \in \Sigma \text{ with } \mu(A) \leq \delta.$$

The following result can be found in [26, Proposition 3.6.2] and [33, Lemma 2.37] within a more general framework.

Proposition 2.4 *Let $F \subseteq L_1(\nu)$ be a set. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) F is L -weakly compact.
- (ii) F is bounded and equi-integrable.
- (iii) F is approximately order bounded, i.e., for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $\rho > 0$ such that $F \subseteq j_\nu(\rho B_{L_\infty(\nu)}) + \varepsilon B_{L_1(\nu)}$.

We refer the reader to the recent works [4, 9, 22] for further results related to the positive Schur property in Banach lattices.

2.4 Characterization of Dunford-Pettis integration operators

Proposition 2.6 below was first proved in [6, Theorem 5.8]. We include here a more direct proof for the reader’s convenience. One part follows the argument used in [13, Theorem 4] to show that $L_1(\nu)$ has the positive Schur property if X has the Schur property. The following auxiliary lemma will also be used later.

Lemma 2.5 *Let $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in $L_1(\nu)$ such that the sequence $(\nu_{f_n}(A))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is norm convergent for every $A \in \Sigma$. Then $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is equi-integrable.*

Proof This follows from the Vitali-Hahn-Saks theorem (see, e.g., [18, p. 24, Corollary 10]) applied to the sequence of μ -continuous vector measures $(\nu_{f_n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$. □

Proposition 2.6 *The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) $L_1(\nu)$ has the positive Schur property and $\mathcal{R}(\nu)$ is relatively norm compact.
- (ii) I_ν is Dunford-Pettis.

Proof (i) \Rightarrow (ii): Let $F \subseteq L_1(\nu)$ be a relatively weakly compact set. We will show that $I_\nu(F)$ is relatively norm compact by checking that for each $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a norm compact set $K_\varepsilon \subseteq X$ such that $I_\nu(F) \subseteq K_\varepsilon + \varepsilon B_X$. Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. Since F is approximately order bounded (by Propositions 2.3 and 2.4), there is $\rho > 0$ such that $F \subseteq j_\nu(\rho B_{L_\infty(\nu)}) + \varepsilon B_{L_1(\nu)}$. Therefore, $I_\nu(F) \subseteq K_\varepsilon + \varepsilon B_X$, where $K_\varepsilon := I_\nu(j_\nu(\rho B_{L_\infty(\nu)}))$ is norm compact by Proposition 2.1.

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): Since $j_\nu(B_{L_\infty(\nu)})$ is weakly compact in $L_1(\nu)$ (see the paragraph preceding Proposition 2.1) and I_ν is Dunford-Pettis, the set $I_\nu(j_\nu(B_{L_\infty(\nu)}))$ is norm compact and so $\mathcal{R}(\nu)$ is relatively norm compact (Proposition 2.1). To prove that $L_1(\nu)$ has the positive Schur property it suffices to check that every weakly convergent sequence is equi-integrable (Propositions 2.3 and 2.4). Let $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in $L_1(\nu)$ which converges weakly to some $f \in L_1(\nu)$. Then for each $A \in \Sigma$ the sequence $(f_n \chi_A)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges weakly to $f \chi_A$ in $L_1(\nu)$ (bear in mind that the map $h \mapsto h \chi_A$ is an operator on $L_1(\nu)$). Since I_ν is Dunford-Pettis, for each $A \in \Sigma$ the sequence $(I_\nu(f_n \chi_A))_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = (\nu_{f_n}(A))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges in norm to $I_\nu(f \chi_A) = \nu_f(A)$. Now, Lemma 2.5 applies to conclude that $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is equi-integrable. □

2.5 The “vector duality” induced by the integration operator

The following result (see, e.g., [33, Proposition 3.31]) shows, in particular, that we have a continuous bilinear map

$$L_1(\nu) \times L_\infty(\nu) \rightarrow X$$

defined by

$$(f, g) \mapsto I_\nu(fg) = \int_\Omega fg \, d\nu.$$

Proposition 2.7 *Let $f \in L_1(\nu)$. Then:*

(i) *For every $g \in L_\infty(\nu)$ the product $fg \in L_1(\nu)$ and*

$$\|fg\|_{L_1(\nu)} \leq \|f\|_{L_1(\nu)} \|g\|_{L_\infty(\nu)}.$$

(ii) *The norm of f in $L_1(\nu)$ is*

$$\|f\|_{L_1(\nu)} = \sup_{g \in B_{L_\infty(\nu)}} \|I_\nu(fg)\|_X.$$

There are some elements of $L_1(\nu)^*$ which admit a simple description and are helpful for dealing with the weak topology of $L_1(\nu)$. By Proposition 2.7, for each $(g, x^*) \in B_{L_\infty(\nu)} \times B_{X^*}$ we can define a functional $\gamma_{(g,x^*)} \in B_{L_1(\nu)^*}$ by the formula

$$\gamma_{(g,x^*)}(f) := x^*(I_\nu(fg)) = \int_\Omega fg \, d(x^*\nu) \quad \text{for all } f \in L_1(\nu),$$

and the set

$$\Gamma_\nu := \{\gamma_{(g,x^*)} : (g, x^*) \in B_{L_\infty(\nu)} \times B_{X^*}\} \subseteq B_{L_1(\nu)^*}$$

is norming for $L_1(\nu)$, that is,

$$\|f\|_{L_1(\nu)} = \sup_{\gamma \in \Gamma_\nu} \gamma(f) \quad \text{for all } f \in L_1(\nu). \tag{2.2}$$

Let $\sigma(L_1(\nu), \Gamma_\nu)$ be the (locally convex Hausdorff) topology on $L_1(\nu)$ of pointwise convergence on Γ_ν , which is weaker than the weak topology. Proposition 2.8 below was first proved in [29, Proposition 17]. It was pointed out in [25, Section 4.7] that it can also be seen as a corollary of the Rainwater-Simons theorem (see, e.g., [20, Theorem 3.134]) and the fact that Γ_ν is a James boundary for $L_1(\nu)$ (i.e., the supremum in (2.2) is a maximum) whenever $\mathcal{R}(\nu)$ is relatively norm compact. We refer the reader to [6, Section 4] and [8, Section 2] for more information on this topic.

Proposition 2.8 *Suppose that $\mathcal{R}(\nu)$ is relatively norm compact. Then every bounded and $\sigma(L_1(\nu), \Gamma_\nu)$ -convergent sequence in $L_1(\nu)$ is weakly convergent.*

3 Dunford-Pettis integration operators

Let \mathcal{A} be an operator ideal. Following [31], a Banach space X is said to be \mathcal{A} -variation admissible if for every measurable space (Ω, Σ) and for every $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$ such that $I_\nu \in \mathcal{A}$, we have $|\nu|(\Omega) < \infty$. The interest of this concept is based on the following result, [31, Proposition 1.1], which provides a tool for proving that L_1 is lattice-isomorphic to an AL-space under some additional assumptions.

Proposition 3.1 *Let \mathcal{A} be an operator ideal and let X be a Banach space. If X is \mathcal{A} -variation admissible, then for every measurable space (Ω, Σ) and for every $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$ such that $I_\nu \in \mathcal{A}$, the inclusion map $\iota_\nu : L_1(|\nu|) \rightarrow L_1(\nu)$ is a lattice-isomorphism.*

The next proposition is elementary.

Proposition 3.2 *Let \mathcal{A} be an operator ideal and let X and Y be Banach spaces.*

- (i) *If X and Y are isomorphic, then X is \mathcal{A} -variation admissible if and only if Y is \mathcal{A} -variation admissible.*
- (ii) *If X is \mathcal{A} -variation admissible, then every subspace of X is \mathcal{A} -variation admissible.*

Proof Let (Ω, Σ) be a measurable space.

(i) If $T : X \rightarrow Y$ is an isomorphism and $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$, then we can apply Proposition 2.2 to deduce that a function is ν -integrable if and only if it is $\tilde{\nu}$ -integrable, where we write $\tilde{\nu} := T \circ \nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, Y)$, and that the identity map $u : L_1(\nu) \rightarrow L_1(\tilde{\nu})$ is an isomorphism satisfying $I_{\tilde{\nu}} \circ u = T \circ I_\nu$. Hence, $I_\nu \in \mathcal{A}$ if and only if $I_{\tilde{\nu}} \in \mathcal{A}$. Moreover, we have $\|T^{-1}\|^{-1} \cdot |\nu|(\Omega) \leq |\tilde{\nu}|(\Omega) \leq \|T\| \cdot |\nu|(\Omega)$.

(ii) Let $Z \subseteq X$ be a subspace and let $i : Z \rightarrow X$ be the inclusion operator. Fix $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, Z)$ such that $I_\nu \in \mathcal{A}$ and define $\tilde{\nu} := i \circ \nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$. Then a function is ν -integrable if and only if it is $\tilde{\nu}$ -integrable, the identity map $u : L_1(\nu) \rightarrow L_1(\tilde{\nu})$ is an isometry and $I_{\tilde{\nu}} = i \circ I_\nu \circ u^{-1} \in \mathcal{A}$ (Proposition 2.2). Since X is \mathcal{A} -variation admissible, we have $|\nu|(\Omega) = |\tilde{\nu}|(\Omega) < \infty$. □

In this section we focus on the operator ideal \mathcal{A}_{cc} of all Dunford-Pettis operators. Our main goal is to provide a somehow simpler proof of the fact that Asplund spaces are \mathcal{A}_{cc} -variation admissible, [7, Theorem 1.3], see Corollary 3.8 below.

Part (i) of the following result was already pointed out in [31]:

Proposition 3.3 *Let X be a Banach space.*

- (i) *If X is \mathcal{A}_{cc} -variation admissible, then X contains no subspace isomorphic to ℓ_1 .*
- (ii) *If every separable subspace of X is \mathcal{A}_{cc} -variation admissible, then X is \mathcal{A}_{cc} -variation admissible.*

Proof (i) By Proposition 3.2, it suffices to check that ℓ_1 is not \mathcal{A}_{cc} -variation admissible. Since ℓ_1 is infinite-dimensional, the Dvoretzky-Rogers theorem (see, e.g., [17, Theorem 1.2]) ensures the existence of an unconditionally convergent series $\sum_{n=1}^\infty x_n$ in ℓ_1 which is not absolutely convergent. Now, define $\nu : \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \ell_1$ by $\nu(A) := \sum_{n \in A} x_n$ for all $A \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})$ (the power set of \mathbb{N}). Then $\nu \in \text{ca}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N}), \ell_1)$ satisfies $|\nu|(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{N})) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \|x_n\| = \infty$, while I_ν is Dunford-Pettis by the Schur property of ℓ_1 (see, e.g., [2, Theorem 2.3.6]). Hence, ℓ_1 is not \mathcal{A}_{cc} -variation admissible.

(ii) Let (Ω, Σ) be a measurable space and let $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$ such that I_ν is Dunford-Pettis. Then $\mathcal{R}(\nu)$ is relatively norm compact (Proposition 2.6), so it is separable. Hence, the subspace $Z := \overline{\text{span}}(\mathcal{R}(\nu)) = \overline{I_\nu(L_1(\nu))}$ (see (2.1) at page 4) is separable. Then Z is \mathcal{A}_{cc} -variation admissible by assumption. Since ν takes values in Z and I_ν is Dunford-Pettis, we deduce that $|\nu|(\Omega) < \infty$. □

3.1 Schauder decompositions and the variation of a vector measure

Let X be a Banach space. A *Schauder decomposition* of X is a sequence $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of (non-zero) subspaces of X such that each $x \in X$ can be written in a unique way as a convergent series of the form $x = \sum_{n=1}^\infty x_n$, where $x_n \in X_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. In this case, for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ there is a projection S_n from X onto X_n such that $x = \sum_{n=1}^\infty S_n(x)$ for all $x \in X$. For each $k \in \mathbb{N}$, the operator $P_k := \sum_{n=1}^k S_n$ is a projection from X onto the subspace $\bigoplus_{n=1}^k X_n$,

we have $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|P_k\| < \infty$ and the formula $\|x\| = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|P_k(x)\|$ defines an equivalent norm on X . Note that $P_{k'} \circ P_k = P_k \circ P_{k'} = P_{\min\{k, k'\}}$ for all $k, k' \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\|P_k(x) - x\| \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ for every $x \in X$. Of course, if X has a Schauder basis $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, then the sequence of 1-dimensional subspaces generated by each e_n is a Schauder decomposition of X .

The following lemma will be a key tool for proving Theorem 3.6 below.

Lemma 3.4 *Let X be a Banach space, let (Ω, Σ) be a measurable space and let $v \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$. Suppose that:*

- $|v|(\Omega) = \infty$ and $\mathcal{R}(v)$ is relatively norm compact.
- X has a Schauder decomposition $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that $|P_k \circ v|(\Omega) < \infty$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, where P_k is the associated projection from X onto $\bigoplus_{n=1}^k X_n$.

Then there exist a sequence $(B_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ of pairwise disjoint elements of $\Sigma \setminus \mathcal{N}(v)$, a strictly increasing sequence $(k_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ in \mathbb{N} and $\varepsilon > 0$ such that the functions $f_j := \frac{1}{\|v\|(B_j)} \chi_{B_j} \in L_1(v)$ and the projections $R_j := P_{k_{j+1}} - P_{k_j}$ satisfy:

- (i) $\|I_v(f_j g) - R_j(I_v(f_j g))\| \leq 2^{-j}$ for all $g \in B_{L_\infty(v)}$ and $j \in \mathbb{N}$.
- (ii) There is $j_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\|I_v(f_j) - I_v(f_{j'})\| \geq \varepsilon$ for all distinct $j, j' \geq j_0$.

Proof Write $Q_k := \text{id}_X - P_k$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$ (where id_X stands for the identity operator on X). Since $\sup_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \|Q_k\| < \infty$ and $\|Q_k(x)\| \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ for every $x \in X$, the sequence $(Q_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to 0 uniformly on each norm compact subset of X . By renorming, we can assume without loss of generality that $\|P_k\| = 1$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Since $|v|(\Omega) = \infty$, there is a sequence $(C_l)_{l \in \mathbb{N}}$ of pairwise disjoint elements of $\Sigma \setminus \mathcal{N}(v)$ such that $\sum_{l=1}^\infty \|v(C_l)\| = \infty$, [27, Corollary 2]. Fix $\rho > 2$ and, for each $l \in \mathbb{N}$, take $A_l \in \Sigma \setminus \mathcal{N}(v)$ such that $A_l \subseteq C_l$ and $\rho \|v(A_l)\| \geq \|v\|(C_l)$. Then $\sum_{l=1}^\infty \|v(A_l)\| = \infty$ and

$$\|v(A_l)\| \geq \rho^{-1} \|v\|(A_l) \quad \text{for all } l \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{3.1}$$

Claim. There exist two strictly increasing sequences $(k_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(l_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ in \mathbb{N} such that for every $j \in \mathbb{N}$ we have:

- (α) $\|P_{k_j}(I_v(\chi_{A_{l_{j+1}}} g))\| \leq 2^{-j-1} \|v\|(A_{l_{j+1}})$ for all $g \in B_{L_\infty(v)}$;
- (β) $\|Q_{k_j}(I_v(\chi_{A_{l_j}} g))\| \leq 2^{-j} \|v\|(A_{l_j})$ for all $g \in B_{L_\infty(v)}$.

Indeed, we proceed by induction. Set $l_1 := 1$ and consider

$$K_1 := \{I_v(\chi_{A_1} g) : g \in B_{L_\infty(v)}\} \subseteq X.$$

Since $\mathcal{R}(v)$ is relatively norm compact, so is K_1 (Proposition 2.1) and therefore we can pick $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\sup_{x \in K_1} \|Q_{k_1}(x)\| \leq \frac{\|v\|(A_1)}{2}.$$

Hence, (β) holds for $j = 1$. Suppose now that $k_N, l_N \in \mathbb{N}$ are already chosen for some $N \in \mathbb{N}$. Since $\tilde{v} := P_{k_N} \circ v$ satisfies $|\tilde{v}|(\Omega) < \infty$ and $\sum_{l=1}^\infty \|v\|(A_l) = \infty$, there is $l_{N+1} \in \mathbb{N}$ with $l_{N+1} > l_N$ such that

$$|\tilde{v}|(A_{l_{N+1}}) \leq 2^{-N-1} \|v\|(A_{l_{N+1}}). \tag{3.2}$$

Observe that for each $g \in B_{L_\infty(v)}$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|P_{k_N}(I_v(\chi_{A_{l_{N+1}}} g))\| &\stackrel{(*)}{=} \|I_{\tilde{v}}(\chi_{A_{l_{N+1}}} g)\| \leq \|\chi_{A_{l_{N+1}}} g\|_{L_1(\tilde{v})} \stackrel{(**)}{\leq} \|\chi_{A_{l_{N+1}}}\|_{L_1(\tilde{v})} \\ &= \|\tilde{v}\|(A_{l_{N+1}}) \leq |\tilde{v}|(A_{l_{N+1}}) \stackrel{(3.2)}{\leq} 2^{-N-1} \|v\|(A_{l_{N+1}}), \end{aligned}$$

where (*) and (**) follow from Propositions 2.2 and 2.7(i), respectively. Hence, (α) holds for $j = N$. Now, we consider the relatively norm compact subset of X defined by

$$K_{N+1} := \{I_v(\chi_{A_{I_{N+1}}}g) : g \in B_{L_\infty(v)}\}$$

(apply Proposition 2.1 again) and we choose $k_{N+1} \in \mathbb{N}$ with $k_{N+1} > k_N$ such that

$$\sup_{x \in K_{N+1}} \|Q_{k_{N+1}}(x)\| \leq 2^{-N-1} \|v\|(A_{I_{N+1}}).$$

Therefore, (β) holds for $j = N + 1$. This finishes the proof of the Claim.

For each $j \in \mathbb{N}$, define $B_j := A_{I_{j+1}}$ and let f_j and R_j be as in the statement. To check property (i), take $j \in \mathbb{N}$ and $g \in B_{L_\infty(v)}$. Then (α) and (β) imply

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_v(f_j g) - R_j(I_v(f_j g))\| &= \|Q_{k_{j+1}}(I_v(f_j g)) + P_{k_j}(I_v(f_j g))\| \\ &\leq \|Q_{k_{j+1}}(I_v(f_j g))\| + \|P_{k_j}(I_v(f_j g))\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^{j+1}} + \frac{1}{2^{j+1}} = \frac{1}{2^j}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, we will check that (ii) holds for an arbitrary $0 < \varepsilon < \rho^{-1}$. Choose $j_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ large enough such that $\rho^{-1} - 2^{-j_0} \geq \varepsilon$. Take $j' > j \geq j_0$ in \mathbb{N} . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_v(f_j) - I_v(f_{j'})\| &\geq \|P_{k_{j+1}}(I_v(f_j) - I_v(f_{j'}))\| \\ &\quad (\text{because } \|P_{k_{j+1}}\| = 1) \\ &= \|I_v(f_j) - Q_{k_{j+1}}(I_v(f_j)) - P_{k_{j+1}}(I_v(f_{j'}))\| \\ &\geq \|I_v(f_j)\| - \|Q_{k_{j+1}}(I_v(f_j))\| - \|P_{k_{j+1}}(I_v(f_{j'}))\| \\ &= \|I_v(f_j)\| - \|Q_{k_{j+1}}(I_v(f_j))\| - \|P_{k_{j+1}}(P_{k_{j'}}(I_v(f_{j'})))\| \\ &\quad (\text{because } P_{k_{j+1}} \circ P_{k_{j'}} = P_{k_{j+1}}) \\ &\geq \rho^{-1} - \|Q_{k_{j+1}}(I_v(f_j))\| - \|P_{k_{j'}}(I_v(f_{j'}))\| \\ &\quad (\text{by (3.1) and } \|P_{k_{j+1}}\| = 1) \\ &\geq \rho^{-1} - \frac{1}{2^{j+1}} - \frac{1}{2^{j'+1}} \\ &\quad (\text{by } (\alpha) \text{ and } (\beta) \text{ with } g = \chi_\Omega) \\ &> \rho^{-1} - \frac{1}{2^{j_0}} \geq \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

The proof is finished. □

3.2 Asplund spaces are \mathcal{A}_{cc} -variation admissible

Let $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a Schauder decomposition of a Banach space X . By a *block sequence with respect to* $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ we mean a sequence $(x_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ in X for which there is a sequence $(I_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ of non-empty finite subsets of \mathbb{N} such that $\max(I_j) < \min(I_{j+1})$ and $x_j \in \bigoplus_{n \in I_j} X_n$ for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$. We say that $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is *shrinking* if $\|P_k^*(x^*) - x^*\| \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$ for every $x^* \in X^*$, where P_k is the associated projection from X onto $\bigoplus_{n=1}^k X_n$. When X has a Schauder basis $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and each X_n is the subspace generated by e_n , then $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is shrinking if and only if $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is shrinking in the usual sense.

The following fact belongs to the folklore and can be proved as in the case of Schauder bases (see, e.g., [2, Proposition 3.2.7]).

Proposition 3.5 *Let $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a Schauder decomposition of a Banach space X . The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is shrinking.
- (ii) Every bounded block sequence with respect to $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null.

Theorem 3.6 *Let X be a Banach space having a shrinking Schauder decomposition $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that X_n is finite-dimensional for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then X is \mathcal{A}_{cc} -variation admissible. In particular, every Banach space having a shrinking Schauder basis is \mathcal{A}_{cc} -variation admissible.*

Proof Let (Ω, Σ) be a measurable space and let $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$ such that I_ν is Dunford-Pettis. Then $\mathcal{R}(\nu)$ is relatively norm compact (Proposition 2.6). Fix $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and denote by P_k the associated projection from X onto $\bigoplus_{n=1}^k X_n$. Since $\bigoplus_{n=1}^k X_n$ is finite-dimensional, we have $|P_k \circ \nu|(\Omega) < \infty$. By renorming, we can assume that $\|P_k\| = 1$ for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Suppose, by contradiction, that $|\nu|(\Omega) = \infty$. Let $(f_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(R_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ be as in Lemma 3.4. Since $(I_\nu(f_j))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is not norm convergent (by property (ii) in Lemma 3.4) and I_ν is Dunford-Pettis, the sequence $(f_j)_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is not weakly convergent in $L_1(\nu)$. In addition, $\|f_j\|_{L_1(\nu)} = 1$ for all $j \in \mathbb{N}$. By Proposition 2.8, there is $g \in B_{L_\infty(\nu)}$ such that the sequence $(I_\nu(f_j g))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is not weakly null in X . Then $(R_j(I_\nu(f_j g)))_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a bounded block sequence with respect to $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ which cannot be weakly null, by property (i) in Lemma 3.4. This contradicts that $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is shrinking (Proposition 3.5). □

The last ingredient of our proof that Asplund spaces are \mathcal{A}_{cc} -variation admissible is the following deep result of Zippin [43] (cf. [21, Theorem III.1] and [40]):

Theorem 3.7 (Zippin) *Every Banach space having separable dual is isomorphic to a subspace of a Banach space having a shrinking Schauder basis.*

Corollary 3.8 *Every Asplund space is \mathcal{A}_{cc} -variation admissible.*

Proof By Proposition 3.3(ii), it suffices to prove that every Banach space having separable dual is \mathcal{A}_{cc} -admissible. Since every Banach space having a shrinking Schauder basis is \mathcal{A}_{cc} -variation admissible (Theorem 3.6), the conclusion follows from Theorem 3.7 and Proposition 3.2(ii). □

3.3 An application of the Davis-Figiel-Johnson-Peczyński factorization

We begin by recalling the refinement of the DFJP factorization developed by Lima, Nygaard and Oja in [23]. Let Z and X be Banach spaces, let $T : Z \rightarrow X$ be a (non-zero) operator and consider the set

$$K := \frac{1}{\|T\|} \overline{T(B_Z)} \subseteq B_X.$$

Fix $a \in (1, \infty)$ and write

$$f(a) := \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a^n}{(a^n + 1)^2} \right)^{1/2}.$$

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let $\|\cdot\|_n$ be the Minkowski functional of $K_n := a^{n/2}K + a^{-n/2}B_X$, that is,

$$\|x\|_n := \inf\{t > 0 : x \in tK_n\} \quad \text{for all } x \in X.$$

The following theorem can be found in [23, Lemmas 1.1 and 2.1, Theorem 2.2], with the exception of part (vi), which can be obtained similarly as for the usual DFJP factorization (see, e.g., [5, §3]).

Theorem 3.9 *Under the previous assumptions, the following statements hold:*

(i) $Y := \{x \in X : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|x\|_n^2 < \infty\}$ is a Banach space with the norm

$$\|x\|_Y := \left(\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|x\|_n^2 \right)^{1/2}.$$

(ii) $K \subseteq f(a)B_Y$ and the identity map $J : Y \rightarrow X$ is an operator.

(iii) T factors as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} Z & \xrightarrow{T} & X \\ \downarrow S & \nearrow J & \\ Y & & \end{array} \tag{3.3}$$

where S is an operator.

(iv) J is a norm-to-norm homeomorphism when restricted to K . In fact:

$$\|x\|_Y^2 \leq \left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{\ln a} \right) \|x\| \text{ for all } x \in K.$$

Therefore, if T is Dunford-Pettis, then S is Dunford-Pettis as well.

(v) If T is weakly compact, then Y is reflexive.

(vi) If T is Asplund, then Y is Asplund.

(vii) If a is the unique element of $(1, \infty)$ satisfying $f(a) = 1$, then $\|S\| = \|T\|$ and $\|J\| = 1$. In this case, (3.3) is called the DFJP-LNO factorization of T .

In [28] the DFJP-LNO factorization was applied to the integration operator of a vector measure. Our next proposition gathers some of the results obtained in [28, Theorems 3.7 and 4.5]:

Proposition 3.10 *Let X be a Banach space, let (Ω, Σ) be a measurable space, let $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$ and let*

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L_1(\nu) & \xrightarrow{I_\nu} & X \\ \downarrow S & \nearrow J & \\ Y & & \end{array}$$

be the DFJP-LNO factorization of I_ν . Define $\tilde{\nu} : \Sigma \rightarrow Y$ by $\tilde{\nu}(A) := S(\chi_A)$ for all $A \in \Sigma$. Then:

- (i) $\tilde{\nu} \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, Y)$, $\nu = J \circ \tilde{\nu}$ and $\mathcal{N}(\nu) = \mathcal{N}(\tilde{\nu})$.
- (ii) $L_1(\tilde{\nu}) = L_1(\nu)$, with $\|f\|_{L_1(\nu)} = \|f\|_{L_1(\tilde{\nu})}$ for all $f \in L_1(\nu)$, and $S = I_{\tilde{\nu}}$.
- (iii) $\tilde{\nu}$ has finite (resp., σ -finite) variation whenever ν does.

Corollary 3.11 *Let X be a Banach space, let (Ω, Σ) be a measurable space and let $v \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$. If I_v is Asplund and Dunford-Pettis, then $|v|(\Omega) < \infty$ and the inclusion map $\iota_v : L_1(|v|) \rightarrow L_1(v)$ is a lattice-isomorphism.*

Proof Let Y, J and \tilde{v} be as in Proposition 3.10. Since $I_{\tilde{v}}$ is Dunford-Pettis and Y is Asplund (Theorem 3.9, parts (iv) and (vi)), we can apply Corollary 3.8 to get $|\tilde{v}|(\Omega) < \infty$, hence $|v|(\Omega) = |J \circ \tilde{v}|(\Omega) \leq |\tilde{v}|(\Omega) < \infty$. This shows that every Banach space is \mathcal{A} -variation admissible, where \mathcal{A} denotes the operator ideal of all Asplund and Dunford-Pettis operators. The last statement follows from Proposition 3.1. □

4 Dunford-Pettis type properties

4.1 A remark on equimeasurability

Let (Ω, Σ, μ) be a finite measure space. A set $H \subseteq L_\infty(\mu)$ is said to be *equimeasurable* if for every $\varepsilon > 0$ there is $A \in \Sigma$ with $\mu(\Omega \setminus A) \leq \varepsilon$ such that $\{h\chi_A : h \in H\}$ is relatively norm compact in $L_\infty(\mu)$. Theorem 4.1 below is a particular case of [5, Theorem 5.5.4]. We include a direct proof for the sake of completeness.

Theorem 4.1 *Let (Ω, Σ, μ) be a finite measure space. If $H \subseteq L_\infty(\mu)$ is relatively weakly compact, then it is equimeasurable.*

Proof By the Davis-Figiel-Johnson-Pelczyński factorization (see, e.g., [3, Theorem 5.37]), there exist a reflexive Banach space Y and an operator $T : Y \rightarrow L_\infty(\mu)$ such that $T(B_Y) \supseteq H$. Let $i : L_1(\mu) \rightarrow L_\infty(\mu)^*$ be the inclusion operator and let $S := T^* \circ i : L_1(\mu) \rightarrow Y^*$. Since Y^* is reflexive, S is representable, that is, there is $g \in L_\infty(\mu, Y^*)$ such that

$$S(f) = (\text{Bochner})\text{-} \int_{\Omega} fg \, d\mu \quad \text{for all } f \in L_1(\mu)$$

(see, e.g., [18, p. 75, Theorem 12]).

Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. Since g is strongly μ -measurable, Egorov’s theorem ensures the existence of $A \in \Sigma$ with $\mu(\Omega \setminus A) \leq \varepsilon$ and a sequence $g_n : \Omega \rightarrow Y^*$ of Σ -simple Y^* -valued functions such that

$$\|g(t) - g_n(t)\| \leq \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{for every } t \in A \text{ and for every } n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{4.1}$$

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let us consider the operator $S_n : L_1(\mu) \rightarrow Y^*$ defined by

$$S_n(f) = (\text{Bochner})\text{-} \int_A fg_n \, d\mu \quad \text{for all } f \in L_1(\mu).$$

Note that S_n is a finite-rank operator, because g_n is the sum of finitely many functions of the form $y^*\chi_B$, where $y^* \in Y^*$ and $B \in \Sigma$. Hence, S_n is compact. Moreover, if $P_A : L_1(\mu) \rightarrow L_1(\mu)$ is the projection defined by $P_A(f) := f\chi_A$ for all $f \in L_1(\mu)$, then the operator $S \circ P_A : L_1(\mu) \rightarrow Y^*$ satisfies

$$\|S \circ P_A - S_n\| = \sup_{f \in B_{L_1(\mu)}} \left\| (\text{Bochner})\text{-} \int_A f(g - g_n) \, d\mu \right\| \stackrel{(4.1)}{\leq} \frac{1}{n}.$$

It follows that $(S_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to $S \circ P_A$ in the operator norm. In particular, $S \circ P_A$ is compact and, therefore, $(S \circ P_A)^* : Y \rightarrow L_\infty(\mu)$ is compact as well (by Schauder’s theorem).

For every $y \in Y$ and for every $f \in L_1(\mu)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \langle (S \circ P_A)^*(y), f \rangle &= \langle y, (S \circ P_A)(f) \rangle = \langle y, T^*(i(f\chi_A)) \rangle \\ &= \langle T(y), f\chi_A \rangle = \int_A fT(y) dy = \langle T(y)\chi_A, f \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(S \circ P_A)^*(y) = T(y)\chi_A$ for all $y \in Y$. It follows that

$$\{h\chi_A : h \in H\} \subseteq \{T(y)\chi_A : y \in B_Y\} = (S \circ P_A)^*(B_Y)$$

and so $\{h\chi_A : h \in H\}$ is relatively norm compact in $L_\infty(\mu)$. □

4.2 A Dunford-Pettis type property for L_1 of a vector measure

Recall that a Banach space Z has the Dunford-Pettis property if and only if $z_n^*(z_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for all weakly null sequences $(z_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(z_n^*)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in Z and Z^* , respectively (see, e.g., [2, Theorem 5.4.4]).

We next show that the L_1 space of an arbitrary vector measure enjoys a Dunford-Pettis type property with respect to the “vector duality” induced by the integration operator (Subsection 2.5).

Theorem 4.2 *Let X be a Banach space, let (Ω, Σ) be a measurable space and let $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$. Let $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in $L_1(\nu)$ and let $(g_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a weakly null sequence in $L_\infty(\nu)$.*

- (i) *If $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null, then $(I_\nu(f_n g_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null.*
- (ii) *If $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is bounded and equi-integrable, then $(I_\nu(f_n g_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is norm null.*

Proof (i) Fix $x^* \in X^*$. Let $h_{x^*} \in L_\infty(|x^*\nu|)$ be the Radon-Nikodým derivative of $x^*\nu$ with respect to $|x^*\nu|$. For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$x^*(I_\nu(f_n g_n)) = \int_\Omega f_n g_n d(x^*\nu) = \int_\Omega f_n h_{x^*} g_n d|x^*\nu|. \tag{4.2}$$

Since $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null in $L_1(\nu)$ and the inclusion map $L_1(\nu) \rightarrow L_1(|x^*\nu|)$ is an operator, $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null in $L_1(|x^*\nu|)$ and so the same holds for $(f_n h_{x^*})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$. In the same way, $(g_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null in $L_\infty(|x^*\nu|)$, so we can apply the Dunford-Pettis property of $L_1(|x^*\nu|)$ and (4.2) to conclude that $x^*(I_\nu(f_n g_n)) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since $x^* \in X^*$ is arbitrary, $(I_\nu(f_n g_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null.

(ii) Define $\alpha := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|f_n\|_{L_1(\nu)}$ and $\beta := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|g_n\|_{L_\infty(\nu)}$. Let μ be a Rybakov control measure of ν . Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. Since $F := \{f_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is equi-integrable, we can choose $\delta > 0$ such that

$$\sup_{f \in F} \|f\chi_B\|_{L_1(\nu)} \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{for every } B \in \Sigma \text{ with } \mu(B) \leq \delta. \tag{4.3}$$

By Theorem 4.1, the set $\{g_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is equimeasurable, so there is $A \in \Sigma$ with $\mu(\Omega \setminus A) \leq \delta$ such that $\{g_n\chi_A : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ is relatively norm compact in $L_\infty(\nu)$. Since the sequence $(g_n\chi_A)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null in $L_\infty(\nu)$ (bear in mind that the map $g \mapsto g\chi_A$ is an operator on $L_\infty(\nu)$), we conclude that $(g_n\chi_A)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is norm null in $L_\infty(\nu)$. Choose $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\sup_{n \geq n_0} \|g_n\chi_A\|_{L_\infty(\nu)} \leq \varepsilon. \tag{4.4}$$

Now, for every $f \in F$ and for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \geq n_0$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|I_\nu(fg_n)\| &\leq \|I_\nu(fg_n\chi_{\Omega \setminus A})\| + \|I_\nu(fg_n\chi_A)\| \\ &\stackrel{\text{(Prop. 2.7(i))}}{\leq} \|f\chi_{\Omega \setminus A}\|_{L_1(\nu)} \|g_n\|_{L_\infty(\nu)} + \|f\|_{L_1(\nu)} \|g_n\chi_A\|_{L_\infty(\nu)} \\ &\stackrel{\text{(4.3)\&(4.4)}}{\leq} (\beta + \alpha)\varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

As $\varepsilon > 0$ is arbitrary, the sequence $(I_\nu(f_n g_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is norm null. □

4.3 The positive Schur property as a Dunford-Pettis type property

As a natural outcome of our previous work we get the following characterization:

Theorem 4.3 *Let X be a Banach space, let (Ω, Σ) be a measurable space and let $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$. The following statements are equivalent:*

- (i) $L_1(\nu)$ has the positive Schur property.
- (ii) For all weakly null sequences $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(g_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $L_1(\nu)$ and $L_\infty(\nu)$, respectively, the sequence $(I_\nu(f_n g_n))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is norm null.

Proof (i) \Rightarrow (ii): This follows from Theorem 4.2, because the positive Schur property of $L_1(\nu)$ is equivalent to the fact that every relatively weakly compact subset of $L_1(\nu)$ is equi-integrable (Propositions 2.3 and 2.4).

(ii) \Rightarrow (i): By Propositions 2.3 and 2.4, it suffices to prove that every disjoint weakly null sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $L_1(\nu)$ is equi-integrable. Let $(A_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of pairwise disjoint elements of Σ such that $f_n \chi_{A_n} = f_n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Observe that $(\chi_{A_n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null in $L_\infty(\nu)$. Indeed, we can assume without loss of generality that $A_n \notin \mathcal{N}(\nu)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $(\chi_{A_n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a basic sequence in $L_\infty(\nu)$ which is equivalent to the usual basis of c_0 . In particular, $(\chi_{A_n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null in $L_\infty(\nu)$.

Fix $A \in \Sigma$. Define $\tilde{f}_n := f_n \chi_A$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Note that

$$I_\nu(\tilde{f}_n \chi_{A_n}) = I_\nu(\tilde{f}_n) = \nu_{f_n}(A) \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}. \tag{4.5}$$

Since $(\tilde{f}_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null in $L_1(\nu)$ (because $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null and the map $h \mapsto h \chi_A$ is an operator on $L_1(\nu)$) and $(\chi_{A_n})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null in $L_\infty(\nu)$, condition (ii) and (4.5) imply that the sequence $(\nu_{f_n}(A))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is norm null. As $A \in \Sigma$ is arbitrary, we can apply Lemma 2.5 to conclude that $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is equi-integrable. □

Of course, Theorems 4.2 and 4.3 provide another point of view for the positive Schur property of the L_1 space of a vector measure taking values in a Banach space with the Schur property, [13, proof of Theorem 4].

4.4 Vector measures with σ -finite variation

The analysis of the Dunford-Pettis property is simpler for L_1 spaces of a vector measure with σ -finite variation.

Proposition 4.4 *Let X be a Banach space, let (Ω, Σ) be a measurable space and let $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$ with σ -finite variation. If $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a bounded and equi-integrable sequence in $L_1(\nu)$ and $(\varphi_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a weakly null sequence in $L_1(\nu)^*$, then $\varphi_n(f_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.*

Proof The sequence $(f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is approximately order bounded (Proposition 2.4). Hence, we can assume without loss of generality that $f_n \in j_v(B_{L_\infty(v)})$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Define $\alpha := \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \|\varphi_n\|_{L_1(v)^*}$. Let $(A_m)_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ be an increasing sequence in Σ such that $\Omega = \bigcup_{m \in \mathbb{N}} A_m$ and $|\nu|(A_m) < \infty$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$. Fix $\varepsilon > 0$. Choose $m \in \mathbb{N}$ large enough such that

$$\|\nu\|(\Omega \setminus A_m) \leq \varepsilon. \tag{4.6}$$

Define $\mu(A) := |\nu|(A \cap A_m)$ for all $A \in \Sigma$, so that μ is a finite non-negative measure. Consider the inclusion operator $\iota : L_1(\mu) \rightarrow L_1(\nu)$ (see, e.g., [33, Lemma 3.14]) and $\iota^* : L_1(\nu)^* \rightarrow L_\infty(\mu)$. Define $g_n := \iota^*(\varphi_n) \in L_\infty(\mu)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, so that $(g_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is weakly null in $L_\infty(\mu)$.

The sequence $(f_n \chi_{A_m})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is bounded and equi-integrable in $L_1(\mu)$ and

$$\langle g_n, f_n \chi_{A_m} \rangle = \int_{A_m} f_n g_n d\mu = \varphi_n(f_n \chi_{A_m}) \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Therefore, the Dunford-Pettis property of $L_1(\mu)$ (cf. Theorem 4.2(ii)) ensures that $\varphi_n(f_n \chi_{A_m}) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Take $n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$|\varphi_n(f_n \chi_{A_m})| \leq \varepsilon \quad \text{whenever } n \geq n_0.$$

Since

$$|\varphi_n(f_n \chi_{\Omega \setminus A_m})| \leq \alpha \|f_n \chi_{\Omega \setminus A_m}\|_{L_1(\nu)} \leq \alpha \|\nu\|(\Omega \setminus A_m) \leq \alpha \varepsilon \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

(by Proposition 2.7(i) and (4.6)), we have

$$|\varphi_n(f_n)| \leq |\varphi_n(f_n \chi_{A_m})| + |\varphi_n(f_n \chi_{\Omega \setminus A_m})| \leq (1 + \alpha)\varepsilon \quad \text{whenever } n \geq n_0.$$

This shows that $\varphi_n(f_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. □

By putting together Propositions 2.3, 2.4 and 4.4, we get the already mentioned result from [13]:

Corollary 4.5 *Let X be a Banach space, let (Ω, Σ) be a measurable space and let $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$ with σ -finite variation. If $L_1(\nu)$ has the positive Schur property, then it has the Dunford-Pettis property.*

Let E be a Banach space with a normalized 1-unconditional Schauder basis, say $(e_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$. The E -sum of countably many copies of $L_1[0, 1]$ is the Banach lattice Z of all sequences $(h_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $L_1[0, 1]$ such that the series $\sum_{n=1}^\infty \|h_n\|_{L_1[0,1]} e_n$ converges unconditionally in E , equipped with the norm

$$\|(h_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}\|_Z := \left\| \sum_{n=1}^\infty \|h_n\|_{L_1[0,1]} e_n \right\|_E$$

and the coordinatewise order. If E has the the Schur property, then Z has the positive Schur property, but it is not lattice-isomorphic to an AL-space unless E is isomorphic to ℓ_1 , [42, Section 3].

The following construction provides more examples of Banach lattices with such features:

Example 4.6 Let X be a Banach space and let $\sum_{n=1}^\infty x_n$ be an unconditionally convergent series in X with $x_n \neq 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let λ be the Lebesgue measure on the σ -algebra Σ of all Borel subsets of $[0, 1]$. Write $I_n := (2^{-n}, 2^{-n+1}]$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then:

(i) The formula

$$\nu(A) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^n \lambda(A \cap I_n)x_n, \quad A \in \Sigma,$$

defines a vector measure $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$.

- (ii) $\mathcal{N}(\nu) = \mathcal{N}(\lambda)$. Hence, ν is atomless and $L_1(\nu)$ is separable.
- (iii) $\mathcal{R}(\nu)$ is relatively norm compact.
- (iv) $|\nu|$ is σ -finite and $|\nu|([0, 1]) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \|x_n\|$.
- (v) If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ is not absolutely convergent, then $L_1(\nu)$ is not lattice-isomorphic to an AL-space.
- (vi) If X has the Schur property, then $L_1(\nu)$ has the positive Schur property and the Dunford-Pettis property.
- (vii) If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ is not absolutely convergent and X has the Schur property, then $L_1(\nu)$ is not lattice-isomorphic to $L_1(\tilde{\nu})$ for any σ -algebra $\tilde{\Sigma}$ and any $\tilde{\nu} \in \text{ca}(\tilde{\Sigma}, c_0)$ such that $\mathcal{R}(\tilde{\nu})$ is relatively norm compact.

Proof Since $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ is unconditionally convergent, for every $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \ell_{\infty}$ the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x_n$ is unconditionally convergent and the map

$$T : \ell_{\infty} \rightarrow X, \quad T((a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n x_n,$$

is a compact operator (see, e.g., [17, Theorem 1.9]). This shows that the map ν is well-defined and has relatively norm compact range (note that $2^n \lambda(A \cap I_n) \leq 1$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$). Since the map $\Sigma \ni A \mapsto 2^n \lambda(A \cap I_n)x_n \in X$ is countably additive for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the Vitali-Hahn-Saks theorem (see, e.g., [18, p. 24, Corollary 10]) ensures that ν is countably additive. This proves parts (i) and (iii).

(ii) The equality $\mathcal{N}(\nu) = \mathcal{N}(\lambda)$ is obvious. Since λ is atomless, so is ν . Let $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \Sigma$ be a countable set such that for every $A \in \Sigma$ we have $\inf_{C \in \mathcal{C}} \lambda(A \Delta C) = 0$. Then for every $A \in \Sigma$ we also have $\inf_{C \in \mathcal{C}} \|\nu\|(A \Delta C) = 0$ (notice that ν is λ -continuous). This implies that $L_1(\nu)$ is separable, because the set of all Σ -simple functions is norm dense in $L_1(\nu)$.

(iv) It is easy to check that $|\nu|(A) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^n \lambda(A \cap I_n) \|x_n\|$ for every $A \in \Sigma$.

(v) This follows from [12, Proposition 2] and (iv).

(vi) We already know that the Schur property of X implies that $L_1(\nu)$ has the positive Schur property, [13, proof of Theorem 4]. Now, (iv) and Corollary 4.5 ensure that $L_1(\nu)$ has the Dunford-Pettis property.

(vii) Suppose, by contradiction, that there exist a σ -algebra $\tilde{\Sigma}$ and $\tilde{\nu} \in \text{ca}(\tilde{\Sigma}, c_0)$ such that $\mathcal{R}(\tilde{\nu})$ is relatively norm compact and $L_1(\nu)$ is lattice-isomorphic to $L_1(\tilde{\nu})$. Then $L_1(\tilde{\nu})$ has the positive Schur property (by (vi)) and we can apply Proposition 2.6 to infer that the integration operator $I_{\tilde{\nu}} : L_1(\tilde{\nu}) \rightarrow c_0$ is Dunford-Pettis. Now, Proposition 3.1 and Theorem 3.6 (the usual basis of c_0 is shrinking) imply that $L_1(\tilde{\nu})$ is lattice-isomorphic to an AL-space, which contradicts (v). □

Remark 4.7 Part (vii) of Example 4.6 should be compared with [12, Theorem 1]. That result states that if X is a Banach space, (Ω, Σ) is a measurable space, the vector measure $\nu \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, X)$ is atomless and $L_1(\nu)$ is separable, then there is $\tilde{\nu} \in \text{ca}(\Sigma, c_0)$ such that $L_1(\nu)$ and $L_1(\tilde{\nu})$ are lattice-isometric (cf. [24, Theorem 5] for another proof). For variants in the non-separable setting, see [36] and [37]. In [24, Theorem 5] it was claimed that if, in addition, $\mathcal{R}(\nu)$ is relatively norm compact, then $\tilde{\nu}$ can be chosen so that $\mathcal{R}(\tilde{\nu})$ is relatively norm compact as well. Unfortunately, this turns out to be false in general, as shown in Example 4.6(vii).

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